

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ventilated bedpan assembly, comprising:

a ~~pan-shaped receptacle~~ bedpan having a configuration for placement in an appropriate position under a prone patient by a caregiver, said bedpan defined by a flat bottom wall, generally upright side walls, a rear wall, and a top surface defining an interior void, said top surface having an opening therethrough adapted to receive human waste materials, said ~~side surfaces~~ rear wall including at least one venting port, said bedpan further comprising a laterally oriented splash shield positioned beneath said venting port and extending into said void wherein said splash shield is contiguous and perpendicular to said rear wall ~~said receptacle being configured for placement in an appropriate position under a prone patient by a caregiver;~~

a ventilation unit constructed and arranged for detachable connection to said toilet receptacle, said ventilation unit comprising:

a housing conforming to the configuration of the bedpan, said housing having a front wall, a rear wall, a bottom wall, and opposing side walls defining a plenum chamber therein, said front wall of said housing configured for coextensive alignment with said rear wall of said bedpan, and said side walls and bottom walls of said housing respectively aligning with said side walls and bottom wall of said bedpan; said rear wall having an intake port therein positioned to align with said venting port of said bedpan, said intake port allowing airflow communication

between said plenum chamber and said venting port; said rear wall of said housing including at least one outlet port;

~~— a plenum chamber disposed in a housing securable to said receptacle in airflow communication with said at least one venting port, said plenum chamber having at least one intake port and an outlet port;~~

an ozonation means in airflow communication with said plenum chamber;

air flow means in said housing situated in air flow communication with said plenum chamber to induce air flow through said outlet port;

mated attachment means respectively attached to said housing and said bedpan, said mated attachment means configured to allow said housing and said bedpan to be selectively detached and attached to one another; and

and electrical power supply means in operative communication with said ozonation means and said air flow means;

whereby actuation of said ventilation unit causes noxious gases to be withdrawn through said venting port for deodorization prior to traversing said outlet port.

2. (Original) The ventilated bed pan of claim 1, further comprising an actuator for operating said electrical power supply means.

3.(Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 2, wherein said actuator is a manually

operated on/off switch in electric communication with said electrical power supply means.

4.(Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 2, wherein said actuator is a pressure sensor disposed in said top surface whereby said electrical power supply means is actuated by pressure exerted on said top surface or a proximity switch actuated by proximity of a user thereto.

5. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said electrical power supply means is a battery, and said ventilation unit further comprises a battery housing.

6. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said electrical power supply means is an A/C power connection.

7. (Original) The ventilated bedpan of claim 1, wherein said ozonation means is a UV light fixture.

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